COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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DATE: October 29, 2009

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE FILE NO. SH2246590

FROM: ERIC B. SMITH, COMMANDER
LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO: KARYN MANNIS, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION:**
DEPUTY GONZALO GALVEZ #[redacted]
DEPUTY MICHAEL CARPENTER #[redacted]
LENNOX STATION

On July 10, 2009, at approximately 2046 hours, Deputy Gonzalo Galvez, the driver, and Deputy Michael Carpenter, the passenger, were involved in a shooting with Suspect Woodrow Wilson Player III. The suspect was shot after he pointed what Deputies Galvez and Carpenter believed was a handgun at them.

Suspect Player, who [redacted] with Assault Victim [redacted] entered her home at the [redacted] and placed a loaded .357 caliber handgun to her ribs, threatening to kill her. When the suspect fled this location, Victim [redacted] dialed 9-1-1 and reported the incident.

Deputies responded to the location regarding a brandishing a handgun/domestic violence call. Prior to the deputies' arrival, information was received that the suspect fled in a gray Chevrolet Malibu, with tinted windows, and was possibly armed. While driving north on New Hampshire Avenue, Deputies Galvez and Carpenter noticed a gray Chevrolet Malibu with tinted windows, drive south on New Hampshire Avenue from Imperial Highway. The vehicle immediately pulled into the parking lot of Laker's Liquor at [redacted] West Imperial Highway and stopped. The deputies noted the suspect (Woodrow Player III) and vehicle matched the description of the crime information and pulled in behind the suspect's vehicle. Immediately the deputies could see the suspect leaning forward for several moments, as if he was attempting to retrieve or stash an object under the front driver's seat. The deputies believed due to the nature of the call, the suspect might be arming himself.

Suspect Player then quickly exited his vehicle as deputies ordered him back inside and to show his hands. He refused and advanced toward the deputies with his hands raised above his head. As Suspect Player arrived between his vehicle and the patrol vehicle, he raised his arms, took a few small steps to his left, then ran northbound on New Hampshire Avenue.

Deputies Carpenter and Galvez initiated a foot pursuit and noted the suspect was holding on to his waistband, as if trying to keep what they believed was a gun from falling out, as he ran northwest across Imperial Highway, nearly being struck by several vehicles traveling on Imperial Highway. As the suspect ran into the north/south alley, north of Imperial Highway and east of Berendo Avenue, he turned and pointed what Deputy Galvez believed was a black handgun in his right hand. Although Deputy Carpenter did not see what was in Suspect Player's right hand, he heard gunshots, which he believed were being fired from Suspect Player. Fearing for their safety, both deputies fired three to four bullets each at Suspect Player. The suspect turned west through an apartment access point and ran to a wrought-iron fence. As the suspect climbed the fence, he turned and, with his right hand, pointed what deputies believed to be the black handgun at them. Fearing for their safety, both deputies fired four to five rounds at the suspect.

Suspect Player sustained gunshot wounds to the right forearm, right biceps, and upper torso. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

A .357 caliber Colt handgun with six live .357 rounds was located under the driver's seat of the suspect's vehicle. Nine expended 9mm shell casings and seven .45 caliber shell casings were recovered from the scene. A black cellular telephone was also recovered from the ground underneath Suspect Player. No other suspect firearms were located.

On October 22, 2009, the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MPP §§ 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards.

Concerning:

MPP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, MPP § 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force, and MPP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Gonzalo Galvez #[redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MPP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, MPP § 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force, and MPP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Michael Carpenter #[redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

The Committee directs the unit commander to send Deputies Gonzalo Galvez #[redacted] and Michael Carpenter #[redacted] to attend 8 hours of Tactics and Survival Training.

MPP § 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by all personnel in this incident were within Department Policy.

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Eric B. Smith, Commander

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MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

Copy of signed "Agreement Re: Gates and Johnson" Waiver
Admonition forms
Printout of 9-1-1 call made by Victim [redacted]
Printout of Dispatched call - Tag 185
Printout of Incident History Report - Tag 185
Printout of Deputy Daily Worksheet Unit 30W3
Printout of Unit History Report Unit 30W3
Printout of Vehicle License Plate Inquiry
Copies of Audio/Video CD's of Deputy Interviews, Witness Interviews, Radio transmission of 9-1-1 call, Dispatched call, Sergeant Bergner Video, Crime Lab photographs of Crime Scene, Autopsy photographs, Video from "Laker's Liquor" cameras, and "Studio Photographs" of suspect cell phone and clothing.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest.?	Hit?
09-09-09	Lennox Station	☐	☒

Incident Information

URN:	Date:	Time:
009-07004-0373-013	07-10-09	2046 hours

City or Station: Los Angeles

Location: [redacted] South New Hampshire Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90044

Nature of Incident: Deputies respond to 417 call, with suspect vehicle description. While en route, obs suspect vehicle. Traffic stop. Suspect exits vehicle, starts to comply then flees from deputies who give chase. Suspect turns toward deputies pointing what deputies believe is a weapon at them. Both deputies fire at suspect striking him, where he dies at the scene. No deputies were injured.

Location Type (*circle one or more*): Backyard, Beach, Business, Freeway, Industrial, Park, Parking Lot, Residence, Rural, School, Street, Other: alley

Lighting (*circle only one*): Darkness, Daylight, Other, **Street Lights**

Weather (*circle only one*): **Clear**, Cloudy, Fog, Rain

Distance: 20'

Incident Type (*circle one or more*): Accidental, Armed Person, **Fleeing Suspect**, **Foot Pursuit**, Gun Take Away, Moving Vehicle, Sniper/Ambush, Startle, Struggle Involved, **Traffic Stop**, Unarmed Person, Unintentional, Vehicle Pursuit, Warrant Service, Warning Shot, Other: ______

Initiated by (*circle only one*): Arrest Warrant, **Call**, Observation, One Person Unit, Other, Search Warrant, Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*circle only one*): Detective, Inmate Transport, Other, **Routine Patrol**

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect	Aero Unit?	Canine Unit?
17	0	☐	☐

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*circle only one*)	ShiftType (*circle only one*)
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	[redacted]	

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	[redacted]	

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	[redacted]	

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*circle one or more*)
[redacted]	Valencia	Joseph		**On Duty**, Present during shooting, Witness to shooting, Involved in shooting
[redacted]	Bergener	Christopher		**On Duty**, Present during shooting, Witness to shooting, Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Burgin	Terry	

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
07-10-09	2130	10-09-09	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I
[redacted]	Kusch	Roderick	
[redacted]	Haynes	Laura	
[redacted]	Grote	Dinah	

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED (one code per block)

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1	UC						
S#1	E#2	UC						
E#1	S#1	FH	HK	45	Y	Y	DH	IN
E#2	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	DH	IN

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Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

URN: 009-07004-0373-013

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Carpenter	First Name: Michael	M.I.
Sex: M Race: W	Rank: Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: Lennox Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 30W3
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM (PM) Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): (Regular) Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # — Interviewed? ☒
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 10	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, (Uniform w/ Vest)	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 6' 02 Weight: 230			
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: H&K Caliber: 45 # Shots: 8		Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:	
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I.

E 2

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Galvez	First Name: Gonzalo	M.I.
Sex: M Race: H	Rank: Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: Lennox Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 30W3
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM (PM) Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): (Regular) Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # — Interviewed? ☒
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, (Uniform w/ Vest)	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 6' 0 Weight: 190			
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: 3 Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta Caliber: 9mm # Shots: 9		Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:	
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I.

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # — Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height: Weight:			
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:		Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:	
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Officer Involved Shooting
Suspect Information

URN: 009-07004-0373-013

Suspect Information

S 1			
Last Name: Player, III		First Name: Woodrow	M.I. W.
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.
Sex: M Race: Blk	Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone: [redacted]	Home Phone: [redacted]	Social Security #:	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 22 D.O.B. 05-14-87	Height: 5' 10 Weight: 198	FBI #: [redacted]	CII #: [redacted]
Booking #: Deceased	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? [X]	Coroner Case #: 2009-04783	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [X]	Substance Used: marijuana and alcohol
Armed? [ ]	Apprehended? [X]	Mental Illness? [ ]	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make: Chevy		Model: Malibu	Year: 2001

S__			
Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ]	Substance Used:
Armed? [ ]	Apprehended? [ ]	Mental Illness? [ ]	Criminal History? [ ]
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

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Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ]	Substance Used:
Armed? [ ]	Apprehended? [ ]	Mental Illness? [ ]	Criminal History? [ ]
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

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Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ]	Substance Used:
Armed? [ ]	Apprehended? [ ]	Mental Illness? [ ]	Criminal History? [ ]
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

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SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name [redacted] First Name [redacted] M.I.
Street Address [redacted] Zip Code [redacted] Work Ph Home Ph [redacted]

Last Name [redacted] First Name [redacted] M.I.
Street Address [redacted] Zip Code [redacted] Work Ph Home Ph [redacted]

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